

HOUSE BILL 2902
By Garrett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 24, relative to athletic trainers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-101(a)(3),
is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(3) "Board" means the Tennessee board of athletic trainers.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 63-24-102.

(a) There shall be a board known as the Tennessee board of athletic trainers, herein referred to as the "board", to consist of five (5) members. Three (3) members shall be athletic trainers licensed in the state of Tennessee, one (1) member shall be a physician licensed in the state of Tennessee, and one (1) member shall be a person who is not an athletic trainer and who is not commercially or professionally associated with the health care industry.

(b) Members of the board who are athletic trainers and physicians shall be appointed by the governor from lists of nominees submitted by their respective organizations. Each list shall contain a minimum of three (3) times as many names as the number of appointments to be made.

(c)

(1) Each licensed athletic trainer appointed to serve on the board shall:

(A) Be a resident of this state for at least one (1) year immediately preceding appointment;

(B) Be currently licensed in good standing as a licensed athletic trainer in this state;

(C) Be currently engaged in the practice of athletic training as a licensed athletic trainer; and

(D) Have had no fewer than five (5) years of experience as a licensed athletic trainer, at least three (3) of which immediately preceded appointment on the board.

(2) Each physician appointed to serve on the board shall:

(A) Be a resident of this state for at least one (1) year immediately preceding appointment;

(B) Be currently licensed in good standing in the state of Tennessee; and

(C) Have no fewer than five (5) years of experience as a licensed physician, at least three (3) of which immediately preceded appointment on the board.

(3) The representative of the public appointed to serve on the board shall:

(A) Be a resident of this state for at least one (1) year immediately preceding appointment;

(B) Not have direct or indirect financial interest in health care services;

(C) Neither be nor ever have been an athletic trainer or be enrolled in any health care educational program; and

(D) Not be a member or employee of any board of control of any public or private healthcare group or organization.

(d) Vacancies on the board created by the expiration of terms of office or otherwise shall be filled for the unexpired terms by appointments by the governor in like manner. In making appointments to the board the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) person serving on the board is a member of a racial minority.

(e) Members of the board shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are appointed.

(f) The board is authorized to license athletic trainers consistent with the provisions of this chapter and to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the performance of its duties.

(g) The board shall prescribe application forms for licensure and shall conduct or select a licensure examination.

(h) The board shall establish guidelines for athletic trainers in the state.

(i) The board is hereby authorized to establish, by duly promulgated rules, mandatory continuing education requirements as a condition for licensure renewal.

SECTION 3. All rules, regulations, policies, orders and decisions promulgated or issued by the board of medical examiners relative to athletic trainers prior to, and in effect on, the effective date of this act shall remain in force and effect and shall be administered and enforced by the Tennessee board of athletic trainers until duly amended, repealed, expired, modified or superseded.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of appointing members to the board, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes it shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.